

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 2, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Further, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed in order to have this Amendment considered.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives during the April 22, 2008 personal interview with the Examiner. The substance of the interview is set forth below and constitutes a record of the interview.

Claims 1-27 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and new claims 28-33 are added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 28-33 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, and 11-27 are provisionally rejected under obviousness-type double patenting over claims 21, 22, and 26 of copending application No. 11/075,928. Claims 1 and 6 are provisionally rejected under obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 8 of copending application No. 11/075,944.

A Terminal Disclaimer is filed with copending patent application No. 11/075, 928 and with copending patent application No. 11/075,944 with respect to the present application in order to obviate the provisional rejections. Therefore, withdrawal of the provisional rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 9 and 11-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for not complying with the written description requirement. Claims 1-27 have been canceled and thus, the rejection is now moot.

Claims 1, 6, and 11-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Program Guide for Digital Television ATSC Standard A/65 ("*ATSC*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,658,661 to Arsenault ("*Arsenault*"), U.S. Patent No. 6,314,571 to Ogawa ("*Ogawa*"), and U.S. Patent No. 6,137,549 to Rasson ("*Rasson*"). Claims 4 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Arsenault* and *Ogawa*.

Claims 1-27 have been canceled and thus, the rejection with respect to these claims are now moot.

Regarding newly added claims 28-33, as discussed during the interview, neither *ATSC*, *Arsenault*, *Ogawa*, or *Rasson*, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests all the features of claims 28, 29 and 30.

That is, none of the references disclose or suggest, among other features, at least the transmission cycle (EIT_{i-1}) < transmission cycle (EIT_i), for $i=1$ and 2, a time span covered by EIT_{i-1} being prior to a time span covered by EIT_i , wherein the transmission cycle for the EIT_0 is set narrower than the transmission cycle for the EIT_1 ; setting a transmission cycle for an extended text table (ETT) containing program description information associated with one of the event information tables other than the EIT_0 and the EIT_1 , wherein the transmission cycle of the ETT is greater than a sum of the transmission cycle of the EIT_0 and the transmission cycle of the EIT_1 , as recited in claim 28. Claims 29 and 30 recite similar features.

Claims 31-33 are at least allowable by virtue of their dependency from the respective claims 28, 29 and 30.

The amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to

discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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